



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News Weekly Egg Products Report December 20, 2002

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

12-Metro Area Shell Eggs - week ending 20-Dec-02 Average retail and invoice prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A or better, white Large eggs in cartons, delivered store door (cents per dozen).

	Northeast	Midwest	Southern	Western	12-Metro Area
This week	76.83	67.10	69.05	92.90	79.79
Last week	79.82	68.12	75.49	92.90	81.38

Selected Cities Large - 20-Dec-02: New York 72-76 Chicago 60-64 California 101

WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 16-Dec-02 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

		North South South Brea			Breaking			
	Northeast	Central	Central	Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Stock	Total
Current week	137.2	321.6	184.1	222.5	236.2	1101.6	289.1	1390.7
% change PW	_ 9	-10	-4	0	-10	-7	3	-5

Breaking Stock 20-Dec-02 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case

equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

 Nest Run
 30-32 M 30
 M 32-33

 Checks & Undergrades
 17-22
 17-27
 M 19-22

Broken Whole White Yolk Dried In	edible
CURRENT WEEK 1,194,289 29,017 10,563 5,760 2,471	4,213
PREVIOUS WEEK 1,249,520 29,869 11,504 6,386 2,443	4,472
LAST YEAR 1,219,871 27,010 12,716 6,786 3,073	4,395
% CHANGE PW -4 -3 -8 -10 1	-6
% CHANGE LY -2 7 -17 -15 -20	-4
TO-DATE 2002 60,301,724 1,412,100 574,693 308,823 138,755 21	3,943
TO-DATE 2001 58,130,272 1,320,555 582,851 311,484 128,973 20	7,592
% CHANGE YTD 4 7 -1 -1 8	3

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week: 41.49 Previous Week: 41.80 Last Year: 41.73

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week: 37.96 Previous Week: 38.22 Last Year: 38.13

National Liquid Eggs - 20-Dec-02 - prices paid cents/lb, f.o.b. plant, non-pasteurized trucklots, for delivery within 14 days.

Class	Loads	Range	Wtd. Avg.	Change From Last Week
Whole	19	26	26.00	-8.71
Whites	16	13-18.75	13.61	.36
Yolks	5	68-75	71.20	-6.30

Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 69.25 to 77 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported.

Frozen Egg Prices - 20-Dec-02 wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Trucklot			Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)		
Class	Eastern	Central	Eastern	South California ²	
Whole	41-48 M 42-43	41-43	49-54	48-51	
${ t Blends}^3$	Too Few To Report		70-85	-	
Whites	21-32 M 22-24	22-32 M 22-24	28-42	28-31	
$Yolks^4$					
Sugared	82-89 M 85-88	83-90 M 85-88	89-94	89-92	
Salted	77-84 M 80-82	77-82 M 78-81	85-90	85-88	

² f.o.b. shipping point

National Dried Egg Prices - 20-Dec-02 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
Whole	1.57 - 1.88	1.60 - 1.70
Yolks	1.77 - 2.10	1.90 - 2.00
Albumen, Spray Dried	1.54 - 2.00	1.63 - 1.70
Blends (whole plus sweetener)	1.25 - 1.35	1.30 - 1.35

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 14-Dec-02

Fowl Slaughtered	l in U.S.	U.S. Fowl Slaughtere	ed in Canada	Total U.S. Fowl	Slaughtered
This week	1,829	This week	168	This week	1,997
Last week	1,739	Last week	300	Last week	2,039
Last year	1,945	Last year	344	Last year	2,289
To Date 2002	86,691	To Date 2002	14,840	To Date 2002	101,531
To Date 2001	89,036	To Date 2001	20,376	To Date 2001	109,412

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 07-Dec-02

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	510	0	40	550
Last year /1	227	0	64	291
To date 2002	19,690	21	800	20,511
To date 2001	12,635	78	426	13,139

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 07-Dec-02

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	34	137	80	251
Last year /1	137	108	4	249
To date 2002	5,918	3,254	4,969	14,141
To date 2001	5,664	1,663	618	7,945

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 07-Dec-02

	Jumbo	EX-Large	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	33	2,405	6,503	856	18,860	0	28,657
Last year /1	0	2,076	2,719	646	12,510	0	17,951
To date 2002	1,605	50,754	139,424	47,747	356,845	14,737	611,112
To date 2001	87	68,478	134,933	43,897	433,120	70,364	750,879

^{/1} Comparable week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

 $^{^{3}}$ whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids

⁴ minimum 43% solids